However, during the year 2002-03, a sum of Rs. 12816.04 lakh has been allocated to the State of Assam as Central assistance for implementation of SGRY-II, out of which Rs. 6408.02 lakh has been released as first instalment.

Kerala Institute of Local Administration

1522. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has furnished any proposal to extend financial assistance for Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government consider to extend financial grant requested for; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Kerala has forwarded a proposal from Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) dated 10 Sept. 2002 seeking central assistance of Rs. 75.00 lakh to impart training to 2750 participants consisting of functionaries and officials from Panchayati Raj as well as Urban Local bodies, representatives of Self Helf Groups, Post Graduates in various disciplines etc. and hold seminars and workshops on a variety of topics including Decentralized Planning, Implications of Information Technology, Micro enterprises, financing urban infrastructure etc. The proposal also includes expenditure on Diploma courses proposed to be organised by KILA and expenditure on maintenance/improvement of classrooms and hostels.

(c) and (d) The proposal submitted by KILA is beyond the scope of the concerned scheme of the Ministry captioned— "Panchayat Development and Training" and therefore it cannot be considered;